COFFEE

Year	Target (in metric tonnes)	Achievement (in metric tonnes)
2000-01	1.90,500	2,46,908
2001-02	2,00,000	2,13,586
2002-03	2,10,000	2,01,543

Indo-German trade ties

2233. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether valuing India as a major partner, the German President, during his visit to India in early March, 2003 sees huge potential for trade ties between Germany and India;

(b) if so, whether he had touched the new areas of co-operation in the field of trade and investment; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Dr. Johannes Rau, President of the Republic of Germany paid a State visit to India from 2-6 March, 2003. The promotion of bilateral economic ties was a primary focus of the visit. In his interaction with the business community both in Delhi and Hyderabad, the German President highlighted the potential for improving bilateral trade and investment and suggested that further steps be taken to improve co-operation in sectors such as space, IT and biotechnology.

Relief measures for coffee growers

2234. DR. M.N. DAS:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have called for a meeting of the representatives of the Banks and all the State-level coffee growers' associations on July 2, 2003 to discuss emergent relief measures in the context of prolonged slump in world coffee bean prices and impact on the crop in the areas that have not had adequate rainfall;

(b) if so, the issues discussed;

(c) the agreements reached; and

(d) the steps being taken to implement the decisions taken to provide relief to the coffee growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO):

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In order to discuss the progress of implementation of the relief package viz. Special Coffee Term Loans (SCTL) and other financial problems of the coffee sector, a meeting was convened by the Govt. of India on 2nd July, 2003. In that meeting, besides the problems of implementation of SCTL package, various other issues concerning the present coffee price situation and the remedial steps taken/need to be taken for the redressal of grievances of the coffee growers were discussed.

(c) and (d) The main action point which emerged from the discussions held in the meeting, primarily relates to effective implementation of SCTL package and consideration of further improvements in the package already given. A committee comprising representatives of major Banks has already been constituted by the Govt. of India to go into the impolementation problems of SCTL package and further improvements in the package.

Exports by heavy Industries

†2235. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the heavy industries have exported their products during the past few years;

(b) if so, the value of exports made during the years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03; and

(c) the value of import of machinery and raw materials made by these industries during the abovesaid period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The

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